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Thank you for your letter to
Mr. Dulles and the enclosed copy of
your "Impressions of California".

Your thoughts on the Middle
East situation were very interesting,
and we appreciate your taking the time
to write us.



Sincerely,

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

Please read this letter when you are not too busy — and will you enjoy giving it a good, blessed thought?

For many months I have been speaking at social gatherings about conditions in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon & Iraq, and stating facts about personalities in those countries.

Because what I have been telling about those countries of the Middle East differed from what all newspapers state, often incorrectly, several of my friends, and others, have been urging me to write to you, or to your Brother, our great Secretary of State — for

*and ask divine guidance whenever
Thinking of him and his prodigious
activities.*

*I was born in Syria, in one
of the oldest Christian families.
Came to this country half a cen-
tury ago, and have been an Am-
erican citizen since 1914.*

*About that time, in New
York, I was editor & publisher
of an excellent Arabic magazine.*

*Since coming out here in 1922
I enjoyed entertaining a number
of prominent visitors from Middle
East countries, showing them
many places in this great State,
including wondrous Yosemite;
and they have been corresponding
with me ever since they re-
turned home. So I have been
getting first-hand information
from Beirut, Cairo, Baghdad, Damas-*

and other cities in Lebanon written truthfully in good Arabic.

The most hated man in those countries was Iraq's tyrant, Nuri As-Said — that name should be written Noory As-Sa'eed ^{نوري}. What happened in Bagdad a few weeks ago was expected to take place any time for months.

I wonder if you know how Lebanon's Chamoun is regarded by those who know him well, and have known him for many years!

By the way, his name should be written Kamel Sham-oon, not Camille Ch. . . , that is much more like his Arabic name ^{كامل شمعون}.

When he became president he owed a number of people various amounts, and in a few years his wealth was estimated by some million dollars, to which he helped himself from his country's treasury. Some of ^{his} old friends consider him disloyal, treacherous, avaricious.

and a Christian only in name.
a journalist, N. Almaty, who
continued to criticize him after
he was warned , was assassinated
last May in Beirut. Dr. Chas.
Malek, who is well known at the
U. N., is looked upon in his country
as a hypocrite.

I know a great
deal about Abdul Nasser (This
name, ~~which~~, means "servant of
God; Nasser being one of the 100
Arabic names for God, Allah). He
is very much unlike all Arab
leaders who live in palaces and
spend tens of millions building
them, like King Saud. . . . A group
of Egyptians, who were educated in
England, advise him, and he is
the best among them to face and
address a crowd either in classical
Arabic or in their common way
of speaking it. "Nasser" is not a
dictator; I am convinced that his
aim is to improve the poor conditions
of the people in Egypt — most of
them are in pitiful health.

I wish I could spend couple hours with you explaining the whole situation of the Arabs, clearly describing their traits and ways. They can be easily convinced that the U.S. is so much superior to Russia, and is the best nation in the world for them to look up to.

But, as you know, they have been thinking and feeling that "John Foster Dulles & the U.S. have no good feelings for them and no sympathy". I have written letters to editors of papers & magazines in three cities in Syria cogently refuting that false idea — and, also, denying the accusations that "The Negro is still a slave in the U.S.A.", and "... it was the U.S. who created Israel".

You know, of course, that the people of Asia, including the Chinese, do feel for the Arabs, who are (90%) Moslems. For this, among

for us the U.S. to do everything possible to win the feelings and friendships of all the Arabic speaking people. That can be done! I believe that if Mr. J. F. will write a few letters showing a friendly attitude he can magically influence and win the hearts of the leaders to whom he sends those letters;

And I wish I could take his letter to "Kasser" myself, and sit with him and his advisers, and cogently tell them in the clearest and best of Arabic that "John Foster Dulles and the U.S. Government, undoubtedly, do have far better wishes for their well-being than the Russians do..."!

No one can speak or write, about this blessed country and the tangible and unseen virtues of its people, better than I can. Arab

foreign-born American
or can be, more appreciative of this country, or more grateful to its people than I am!

If there is anything I can do for you in any of those Middle East countries please let me know. I am sure I can secure for you the most accurate information. People over there will receive and treat me as one of them, not as an American reporter, or diplomat, or tourist.

Hoping you'll enjoy the enclosed California pictures — and verse. Similar copies have gone to all the states, and to many foreign countries. I sent a specially-made copy to General and Mrs. Eisenhower in 1952 c/o Columbia University, with a few lines of good wishes, which were acknowledged in a really beautiful letter sent from Augusta after the election of that year.

I am, yours with genuine sincerity,

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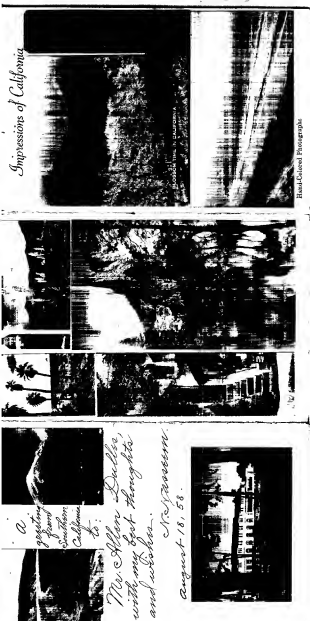


This is a personal letter for Mr. Dulles!

*Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
Washington,*



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As to renowned Yosemite,
A wonderland that is unique,
I love, with lesser beauty,
On an arid plain will have to smother.

In this Sierra reg-

People married as

behind views that do not count:

**Cosmos trees, Gliese 1201,
The waterfalls of dizzying heights**

El Capitan, of granite front,
All of these are second-growth timber.

The mountains, over which it surmounts,
Streams and lakes and a valley high.

Specularly glossy
 The topography of the surface reflects in great detail the surrounding environment.

Interviews only have to be done once.

Circle of Historic Jobs

Always vivid, wholly cherry.

Have I seen with keen delight:

And very well do I remember
All I saw by day or night.

Kenilworth National Park is nearly 200 square miles.

of Valley is only seven square miles. The Park has more than five great scenic spots over 2,000 feet high.

Reference has been National Parks, except National Monuments and National Historic Sites, except State Parks, except

more than 20,000,000 acres of cropland, forests, and

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